

ject, laymen who are knowable and interested, know what it means. I think to go to a word which is unknown is bad.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thirty seconds, Mr. Case.

DELEGATE CASE: I would support the motion and hope the action of the Committee taken earlier this afternoon would be reversed.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Koss.

DELEGATE KOSS: Mr. Chairman, I just feel it necessary to answer one of the points Delegate Case has made. I thought the answer to Delegate Burdette made it clear. We are not bound and the issue is really not special legislation. Its legal drawbacks have been pointed out to us. We are willing to abide by superior legal minds who sit here. However, the phrase "emergency legislation," appears in the present Constitution only in Article XVI in reference to the referendum; it does not appear in terms of power of the legislature and it is defined only here. Again, the main reason we sought a definite designation was not that we wanted in any way to limit the legislation but that rather on the contrary, while the great thrust here has been strengthening the legislature, we wanted them to be permitted to enact laws that would not be suspendable but not limited by the narrow definition included in the present Constitution.

THE CHAIRMAN: Has anyone thought of the use of the words nonsuspendable legislation? Then everybody would know what we were talking about. Does Delegate Bamberger wish to speak on this? Delegate Sherbow.

DELEGATE SHERBOW: I favor a reconsideration, and I am one of those who will reconsider, but for a reason which I do not think has been emphasized. The difference between the two bills as to nomenclature is one that I would leave to the word surgeons when the time comes. Both are seeking the same object. But there is an additional difference between these two bills, one to which I believe we ought to give a little more attention.

That is the fact that the Committee bill requires that its suspendability by whatever terms may be used is one that must be announced when the bill is introduced. The other, the Hostetter amendment, provides for a situation with which we have some familiarity. That is, that we may attach to the bill the requirement that it become what we call "emergency legislation," and

therefore non-suspendable at any time on its way through the General Assembly.

Sometimes that head of steam that is needed to make certain that the bill will be non-suspendable is not learned about or determined until the bill is on its way through. It is easy to say you may introduce another bill which may be non-suspendable and start over again, but the legislature may have adopted by that time some restrictive rules which may make it difficult to start all over again.

For that reason I shall vote for the reconsideration and for the Hostetter amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Cardin.

DELEGATE CARDIN: A point of parliamentary procedure, Mr. Chairman: I should like to introduce an amendment to the Committee terminology as passed by this Committee of the Whole earlier. Shall we vote on the reconsideration first?

THE CHAIRMAN: I think we would have to dispose of the motion to reconsider, and then the amendment would be before the body and we could take another vote on reconsideration of Amendment No. 6, I believe it was.

If the body is ready, we will submit the question.

The Chair recognizes Delegate Taylor.

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: Mr. Chairman, I would like to address a question to Delegate Koss or Delegate Hostetter. A few months ago I think when the Fair Housing Bill was in the Senate and also in the House, it was passed by the Senate and the House, and of course a group of people in the State of Maryland decided to draw up a petition. The petition was circulated to put this particular bill on the referendum.

I would like to ask either Delegate Koss or Delegate Hostetter, whether under the definition of this particular proposal, Delegate Hostetter's amendment, could the Fair Housing Law, be defined as an emergency law?

DELEGATE HOSTETTER: I doubt it. I do not believe it was an emergency law, and it was subject to referendum.

I believe they got the required signatures, but it failed for another reason.

DELEGATE L. TAYLOR: I would like to add this question: in view of the fact